

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2578 - HB 2489

March 9, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes a pilot program effective from July 1, 2014 to July 1, 2017 authorizing the Cumberland Regional Business and Agribusiness Marketing Authority (CRBAMA) to further the economy and growth of the region served by the authority by planning, acquiring, constructing, improving, extending, furnishing, owning, operating and maintaining support for small business incubators for the established region covered by the CRBAMA. The CRBAMA is authorized to accept state appropriations to use solely for the creation of pilot programs to establish and maintain small business incubators in the region. Requires the chief financial officer of the Roane State Community College to serve as fiscal agent for the receipt of any and all state appropriated funds for the pilot program. Requires the board of directors of CRBAMA to submit an annual report to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee of the House and Senate detailing the function of the pilot program.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Under current law the following counties comprise the authority: Anderson, Campbell, Cumberland, Fentress, Loudon, Morgan, Roane, and Scott, and CRBAMA is deemed to be a local government unit.
- CRBAMA may receive grants, appropriations, other contributions of fund, and real or personal property, from the state of Tennessee, the federal government, any other governmental entity or any nonprofit organization, individuals, companies, or corporations to create a business support process that accelerates the successful development of start-up and fledgling companies.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 64-10-216, the board of directors of CRBAMA is required to submit an annual report to the governing bodies of the various counties of the area.
- Any costs associated with the implementation or reporting requirements of the provisions of the bill are estimated to be not significant.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

Other Fiscal Impact – Due to multiple unknown variables, a precise impact to commerce cannot reasonably be quantified but is assumed to be positive.

Assumption:

- Due to multiple unknown variables, such as the extent of any state appropriations received by the authority, the extent of businesses receiving support from CRBAMA, and how such support will impact commerce throughout the region, a precise impact to commerce cannot reasonably be determined; however due to the nature of CRBAMA and the proposed pilot project any impact to commerce is assumed to be positive.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lucian D. Geise', is positioned above the printed name.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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